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Hot Strip Mill

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated November 24, 2004, please
amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

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